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In re Application of :  
Hangeland et al. :  
Application No. 10/072,568 : LETTER REGARDING  
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Atty Docket No. C&P-103US :

This is in response to the letter filed April 19, 2011, which is properly treated as a notification of loss of entitlement to small entity status.

Your notification of a loss of entitlement to small entity status and fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 is NOT ACCEPTED.

The letter was filed by Denneweyer & Co., who is not the assignee, a registered practitioner or the inventor, and as such, is not a proper party to assert loss of entitlement to small entity status. The petition includes a letter of assertion, declaring status as a large entity. The letter is signed by Frederico De Stefani as President of SIT LA PRECISA, S.P.A., the company that is of record as assignee; however, the letter appears to be directed to Denneweyer & Co. and not to the USPTO. Thus, the accompanying letter does not overcome the conclusion that the notification of loss of entitlement to small entity status is not signed by a proper party.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 571-272-3219.

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